

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted in response to the personal interview with Examiner Subramanian conducted on August 16, 2006. Reconsideration and the allowance of this application in light of the response filed August 2, 2006, incorporated by reference herein, and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

First, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Subramanian for conducting a personal interview with Applicant's undersigned attorney on August 16, 2006. Although no agreement was reached, the response filed August 2, 2006, incorporated by reference herein, was discussed and which patentably distinguishes over U.S. Patent Application No. 20020032612 to *Williams et al.*, and U.S. Patent Application No. 20020065738 to *Riggs et al.*, taken alone or in combination

In addition, during the interview, the Examiner requested clarification regarding the rejection of claims 33-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner requested hardware support for the means plus function claim elements, as recited in claims 33-52. Applicant submits that all of the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101 and the Examiner is directed, for example, to FIG. 6 and the discussion in Applicant's published specification thereof and which clearly recites exemplary hardware components corresponding the means plus function claim elements, as recited in claims 33-52. Accordingly, claims 33-52 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101 and no further rejection on such a basis is anticipated. If, however, the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to derive mutually satisfactory claim language.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution and engage in a joint effort to work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

Respectfully submitted,

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